

Evolution in Europe: The Lithuanian Gesture

Text of Letter and Resolution by Lithuanians

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MOSCOW, April 18 — Following, in the official translation from Lithuanian, are the texts of a letter from the Lithuanian Parliament to President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and Prime Minister Nikolai I. Ryzhkov, and of a parliamentary resolution on relations with the Moscow Government:

LETTER

The Supreme Council of the Repub-

lic of Lithuania has carefully read and discussed your appeal containing the notice of possible economic sanctions, and has prepared an answer including proposals which have been developed at an earlier date. Unfortunately, having received concrete announcements about future sanctions as well, we have little to add to the statement by the Council of Ministers of April 16, 1990, except to possibly express our regrets on the position and methods chosen by the U.S.S.R. On

our part, as earlier, we are prepared to discuss any issues, taking into consideration all justified interests of the U.S.S.R., foremost those of its citizens and those of a strategic nature.

We are ready not to adopt new legislative or political acts during the period of preliminary parliamentary consultations, if they were to begin, until May 1, 1990.

We are composing a delegation of deputies for such consultations, which will arrive in Moscow at the

nearest possible date, in hopes of a meeting with persons authorized by you.

RESOLUTION

The Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania, in confirming its loyalty to the acts of March 11, 1990 and consistently striving for the consolidation of the independence of the Republic of Lithuania, being convinced that solutions satisfactory to both the Soviet Union and Lithuania can be found only by an avenue of dialogue, resolves:

1. Not to adopt new political legisla-

tive acts during the period of preliminary parliamentary consultations between Lithuania and the U.S.S.R., if they were to begin, until May 1, 1990.

2. To invite the Soviet Union to refrain from using force, including economic pressure, against the Republic of Lithuania and its citizens.

3. To propose to the Soviet Union to begin consultations concerning negotiations with a delegation empowered by the Republic of Lithuania.

4. To dispatch a delegation empowered by the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania and led by Bronius Kuzmickas, Vice President of the Supreme Council of the Repub-

lic concerning the terms of negotiations.

5. To urge industrial enterprises and citizens of Lithuania to prepare for a period of austerity and spiritual endurance.